

KES Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

November 7 - 20
Student Council Food
Drive

November 20
Volunteer Trailblazers'
Coaches Meeting @8:30
AM

November 22-24
Thanksgiving Recess/No
Classes

December 1, 2, & 3
Festival of Trees
@Killington Grand Hotel
KES performs at 4:30 pm
on 12/1

December 12
KES Holiday Concert
@6:30 pm

December 13
School Board of
Directors' Meeting @8:15
am @ KES

April 15
Free Parenting Class:
Building Self-Esteem
@KES Library 5:30-7pm
Childcare Provided

April 26
Free Parenting Class:
Positive Discipline
@KES Library 5:30-7pm
Childcare Provided

Thanksgiving Community Luncheon



A large thank you shout out to everyone who attended the Thanksgiving luncheon here at KES on Wednesday, November 15th. Mrs. Sylvia (aided by an encore performance from Mrs. Flynn) debuted as the cook for this event and prepared a delicious feast. Faculty and staff served food to celebrants at two seatings with a surprise appearance from Mary Beth Banios, WCSU Superintendent, who was a maestro at the cranberry and gravy station.

I share the sentiments of the faculty and staff of KES in expressing deep gratitude this season for the extraordinary community in Killington. Without the dedicated volunteerism in our supportive programs, including Four Winds, KEEPERS, Trailblazers, and the after school program, as well as partnerships we have formed with parents in the education of children, our vibrant community would not exist.

As we consider the many things we are grateful for, an abundance of delicious pies shared by attendees comes to mind. Many thanks go to the bakers in our community for providing the desserts. They were delicious.

A terrific rendition of the KES traditional song, *Hey Pilgrim*, was competently and joyfully performed by Mrs. Laird's second grade class. This wonderful day of food, families, and song is the perfect start to the holiday season



Happy Thanksgiving!

KES Goes Western for the PBIS Celebration



KES students know that soon after they reach their stars' goal as a whole school, there will be a celebration.

The last goal was 5,000 stars earned for being respectful, responsible, and safe and a well-deserved celebration ensued with a lesson in line dancing.

Thank you to Mrs. Knipes and Ms. Naugle for orchestrating 87 students in a line dance to Cotton Eyed Joe today in the gym. Students had a blast as they learned Do-Si-Do and Face the Square Dance.

The next goal is 6,000 stars. Who knows what the next celebration may bring?! Snowshoe Races anyone?



Killington Elementary Educators and Parents Encouraging Rising Stars (KEEPERS) Ski Swap

A tremendous amount of hard and soft ware was distributed at KES before, during, and after the Thanksgiving Luncheon on Wednesday, November 15th. Kudos to Mrs. Claffey and the KES parent group KEEPERS as well as other parent volunteers, Mr. Amos and Ms. Nestler in particular, for facilitating the parent to parent swap of outgrown winter gear. Some truly great finds were to be had.

If you were unable to secure the necessary clothing and gear for the upcoming Trailblazers' Ski and Ride program at the swap, please contact Mrs. Pilsmaker as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to ensure that every student has the necessary gear to participate in our winter fun.

KEEPERS Fall Social Fundraiser

The KEEPERS support many unique learning experiences for KES students, including cartoonist Marek Bennett and children's author and historian Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. Behind the scenes, KEEPERS financially supports purchases that are not part of the KES operating budget, for instance, gardening tools and materials, unique technology integration, such as kindergarten's Osmo software and iPad, as well as field trips for fine arts.

Last night was one of a few fundraisers that directly supports the contributions described above. A big thank you to Beth and Jim Sarandrea for hosting the KEEPERS' Fall Social Fundraiser at Liquid Art. The

atmosphere and food was the perfect setting for a pre-winter social where parents could relax and enjoy conversation.

Thank you to Rebecca Claffey and KEEPERS for arranging this social, including the childcare that made this an evening of pure enjoyment for parents and children.

A big thank you to all for supporting KEEPERS and their mission to enrich KES!

Mary Guggenberger, Principal

Trailblazers Volunteer Coaches' Meeting

Returning volunteer coaches are invited to a Trailblazers' meeting on Monday, November 20th, at 8:15 for organization of this year's program.

Volunteer coaches, new to the program, are invited to attend if they have completed all the necessary paperwork and have been (or have an appointment to be) fingerprinted.

Although a number of parents have indicated a desire to help out, few have actually completed paperwork and/or returned a receipt for having been fingerprinted. We are aware that we ask a great deal of our volunteers, all in the interest of keeping kids safe, and we truly appreciate your dedication. The Trailblazer program can only continue with a strong volunteer commitment.

Student Council Food Drive

The KES Student Council is conducting a Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the local Killington Food Shelf. The collection of nonperishable foods began on November 7th and runs through Monday, November 20th.

Monday is the last day to bring in nonperishable foods such as soup, pasta, cereal, and any kind of canned goods and boxed goods! It's a competition among grades and the winning class will get a prize. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Elle Molalley, Vice President
Olivia Grasso, Recorder

Third Grade Holiday Store is Looking for Donations!

The third grade holiday store tradition continues! The KES merchants are looking forward to setting up their store with your donations of like-new scarves, jewelry, knickknacks, games, puzzles, books, toys, and other valuables. We also need wrapping paper donations for the wrapping table. Please no scented donations or well-loved stuffed animals!

Donations are being accepted daily until Wednesday, December 13th. The store will be open for business on December 20th and 21st!

The holiday store will be open for all KES students to shop and purchase gifts (all under \$1) for family and friends. Teachers will sign up for at least two designated times to bring their students to the store to shop. Please send children with small change (no more than \$5) to spend while 3rd graders hone their math skills adding up purchases and making change. We look forward to your business!

Festival of Trees

Once again we are asking KES families to attend the Vermont Holiday Festival of Trees on Friday, December 1st, at the Grand Hotel in Killington.

KES students will perform some of their concert songs at 4:30 pm. We ask that families arrive at the grand ballroom no later than 4:15 pm. Complimentary family tickets will be sent home prior to the event.

The Killington Ski Club has donated a tree for KES to decorate and students are creating ornaments in accord with their upcoming holiday concert, *A Holiday Moosical*. Hope to see many of you there.

KES School Band



Last Tuesday, November 14th, the KES Instrumental Band practiced together for the first time this year. How impressive to have 30 students participating! This is the biggest band KES has seen in many years. Be sure to come to the KES Holiday Concert, Tuesday, December 12th, 6:30 pm, to hear them perform.

Please Consider the Elements and Outdoor Recess

Many children are coming to school unprepared for the winter weather. Dangerous weather, single digits or pouring rain are reasons to remain indoors; otherwise, we're outside. In order to enjoy their play and rejuvenate for afternoon studies, kids need to come prepared for the weather: warm hat, warm jacket, snow pants, boots, and waterproof gloves or mittens. KES coatrooms are spacious and can accommodate an extra set of "play clothes" to ensure recess readiness.

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